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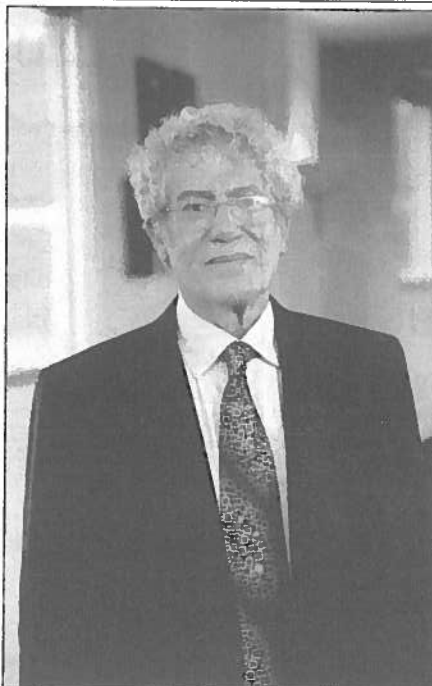


**PHOENIXVILLE
HOSPITAL**
ROBOTIC SURGERY CENTER

Hi-Tech & Patient Centered

PHOENIXVILLE HOSPITAL EMBRACES ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY

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Photos by Kelly O'Keefe
 Pictured above on the left is Urologist Pankaj Kalra, MD and above on the right, W.F. Fahmy, MD, FACS. To the far right, on the bottom, is Sue Tirado, CRNP, the robotic surgery coordinator at Phoenixville Hospital.

Hi-tech, Patient-centered care

The Robotic Surgery Center at Phoenixville Hospital

As the area's leader in robotic-assisted surgeries since 2007, Phoenixville Hospital makes it possible for patients to take advantage of the benefits of advanced robotic-assisted

surgery, right here in our community, and those benefits can be substantial, including less pain, blood loss, and scarring. Recovery time is shorter, return to normal daily activities faster, and in numerous cases clinical outcomes are improved.

Since inception, more than 1,000 robotic-assisted surgeries have been performed by the Robotic Surgery Center at Phoenixville Hos-

pital's team of 12 specially-trained surgeons in such areas as urology, gynecology, cardiothoracic, general, gynecologic oncology, and ear, nose & throat. Phoenixville Hospital was proud to be the first hospital in Chester and Montgomery counties to acquire the latest robotic technology, the da Vinci® Si HD.

Local Urologist Pankaj Kalra, MD is the, medical director of the Robotic Surgery Center. Dr. Kalra performed Phoenixville Hospital's first robotic prostatectomy in January 2007 and has done more than 300 robotic

procedures for conditions involving the prostate, bladder, and kidney to date. Kalra touts the strengths of the hospital's system, "da Vinci® Si HD is the most advanced robotic surgical system available," he said. "It features enhanced high-definition 3D visualization that provides up to 10 times magnification of the operative field. The EndoWrist® instruments allow for dexterity and range of motion that are far superior to standard laparoscopic instruments. The technology replicates the experience of open surgery by preserving natural

eye-hand instrument alignment, all while using a minimally invasive approach." Phoenixville Hospital CEO Steve Tullman emphasizes that robotic technology is only as good as the doctors who guide it. "We are fortunate to have a talented and committed team of robotic surgeons who have grown our Center into one of the most successful and diverse program's in the region."

Dominick Giuffrida, DO, Ob/Gyn, and Director of Gynecologic Robotic Surgery at Phoenixville, points out, "Complications in

women's health surgery can be greatly reduced by using the robot. Many complicated gynecologic surgeries that would not have been attempted laparoscopically, can now be performed with precision and ease. The Si is responsible for the enhanced quality of laparoscopic procedures. Remember it's not just the robot, but the expertise of the surgeon using the robot that affects improved surgical outcomes."

The latest addition to the hospital's Si procedures is TransOral robotic surgery (TORS) performed by Joshua Goldberg, DO. The robot

is used to perform ENT operations to treat benign and select malignant tumors in adults. Phoenixville Hospital is one of only a few facilities outside of a university center with TORS capability.

Tullman adds that the surgeons and staff have embraced the advanced technology, and results are above and beyond what was originally projected. "Our patients are receiving excellent care and are very happy with the benefits of robotic-assisted surgery, and when our patients are happy, we are happy."



Phoenixville Hospital has the area's most experienced robotic-assisted surgery program.

For nearly 5 years, the skilled surgeons at Phoenixville have been performing a variety of robotic-assisted surgeries, including prostate, gynecologic, cardiothoracic, and most recently ear, nose and throat procedures. Robotic-assisted surgery generally means less pain, shorter recovery times, and smaller scars when compared to traditional surgery. Learn more at PhoenixvilleHospital.com.

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